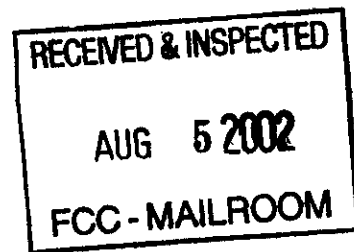




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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Re: *Ex Parte* Submissions in WT Docket No. 02-55 and WT Docket No. 02-100

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Commission's Local and State Government Advisory Committee, please find enclosed for filing one original and four copies of each of the following documents:

1. *Ex Parte* Submission in WT Docket No. 02-55; and
2. *Ex Parte* Submission in WT Docket No. 02-100.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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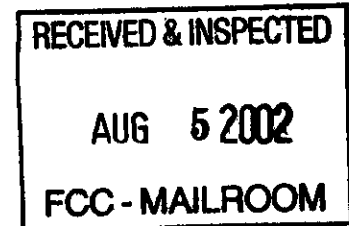
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Re: *Ex Parte* Submission in WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, the Commission's Local and State Government Advisory Committee (the "LSGAC"), on behalf of itself and the other local and state governmental entities listed in Attachment I, submits this notice of *ex parte* submission in the above-captioned proceedings.

On July 26, 2002, the individuals listed in Attachment I, representing the local and state governmental entities and organizations indicated, met at various times between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. with Deputy Chief Jeanne Kowalski, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Associate Chief Peggy Greene, Media Bureau, Salomon Satche, Engineer, Office of Engineering and Technology, Ken Moran, Director, National Defense and Security, Office of Engineering and Technology, Scott Bergman, Legal Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Bruce Romano, Office of Engineering and Technology, Michael Wilhelm, Legal Advisor, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Gene Fullano, Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. A copy of the agenda for the LSGAC's July 26 meeting is included in Attachment 2, hereto.

Commission staff briefed the LSGAC on the status of cable modem, DSL, wireline deregulation and competitive networks proceedings, as well as revisions to Cable Television Rate Regulations, implementation of sections of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, adoption of a Uniform Accounting System for the Provision of Regulated Cable Service and Cable Pricing Flexibility. Furthermore, the Commission gave a presentation on the Telecommunications Service Priority Program, highlighting the program's potential utility for state and local governments.

In light of recent bankruptcies filed by telecommunications companies and the numerous related legal issues facing state and local governments, the LSGAC respectfully requested that the Commission keep it apprised of any and all proceedings involving the interplay of federal telecommunications and bankruptcy laws.

The Commission's Michael Wilhelm, Legal Advisor, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, also briefed the LSGAC on 800 MHz issues and the status of the Nextel NPRM. Specifically, sources of radio frequency interference in

the 800 MHz frequency, including intermodulation, overload and the interference problem, as well as Nextel's current frequency realignment proposal were discussed. Attachment 3, hereto, contains the handout provided by the Commission explaining current sources of radio frequency interference in the 800 MHz frequency and Nextel's realignment proposal. The LSGAC reiterated the serious public safety risks caused by wireless facilities' interference with local public safety communications equipment and the difficulty localities face in attempting to remedy this problem.

The LSGAC also raised the question as to whether Rule 90.173 requires parties to cooperate in resolution of the problem, as opposed to the municipality alone correcting the problem even though they are not the cause of it. The question is whether the rule should apply to Nextel and other providers, as well public safety communications systems.

Finally, the Commission briefed the LSGAC on the current status of consumer complaint tracking. In order to help localities better understand the complaint tracking process, the LSGAC suggested that the Commission provide it with the scripts used by Commission staff for various types of complaints. This would be very helpful for localities, as it could serve as a "best practices" manual with respect to complaint tracking.

As part of the discussion regarding the complaint tracking process, the LSGAC once again expressed its concern with the Commission's March 15, 2002 decision declaring cable modem service an interstate information service, and the public comments of Kenneth Ferree, Chief of the Commission's Media Bureau, relating to cable modem franchise fees in the wake of this decision. Once again, the LSGAC asked the Commission staff to request that Mr. Snowden and Mr. Ferree clarify the Commission's position with respect to the scope of local authority over cable modem service during the pendency of the current NPRM. In particular, the LSGAC would like the Commission to address the consumer complaint issue and reconcile the apparent disconnect between the Commission's classification of cable modem service and the appropriate forum for consumer complaints about this service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please direct any questions regarding this *ex parte* submission to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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On Behalf of the Local and State Government Advisory Committee

Attachment I

Local and State Government Advisory Committee and Staff

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FCC	Emily Hoffnar
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FCC	Peggy Greene
FCC	Linda Kinney
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FCC	Ken Moran

Attachment II

FCC LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, July 26, 2002

LOCATION:

FCC Offices, The Portals, 445 12th Street S.W.
Commission Meeting Room (12th Street entrance level)

8:30 a.m.

Greetings & Introductions.

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

LSGAC and FCC Staff discussion of wireless interference with public safety communications (generally) and Anne Arundel County – Cingular proceeding; meeting with representatives of Anne Arundel County proceedings (LSGAC, its Staff and FCC Staff only). Jeanne Kowalski, Deputy Division Chief, Public Safety, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Saloman Satche, Engineer, Office of Engineering and Technology

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

LSGAC discussion of possible recommendation on wireless interference matters (LSGAC and its Staff only)

11:15 a.m. – Noon

LSGAC discussion – response to July 1 letter from Industry Rights of Way Working Group (LSGAC and its Staff only)

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

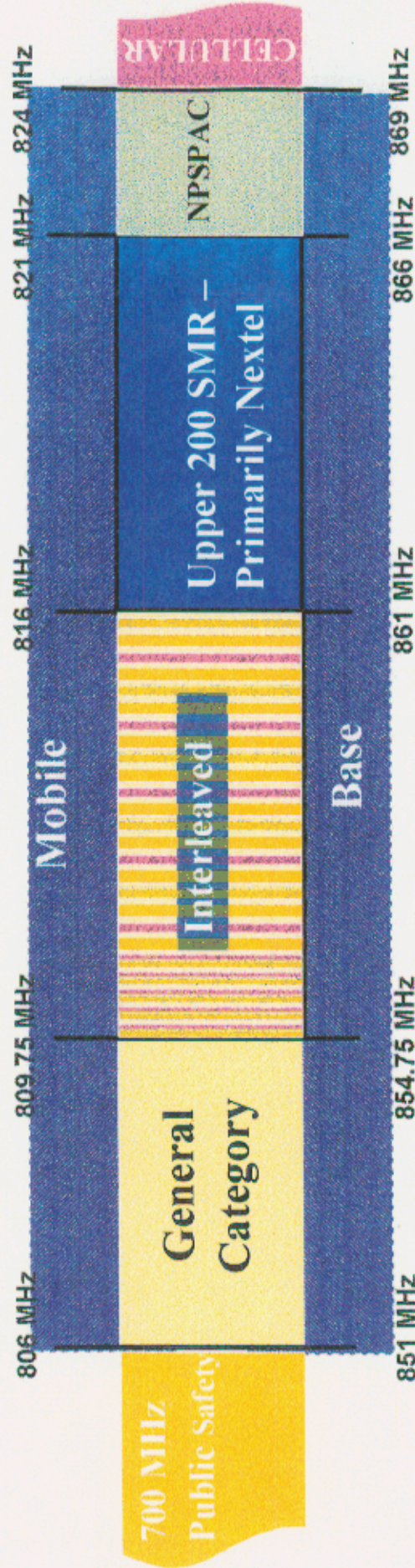
Working lunch -- FCC and LSGAC discussion of various issues (LSGAC, its Staff and FCC Staff only).

- Update from FCC Staff on status of cable modem, DSL, wireline deregulation and competitive networks proceedings. Representative of Wireline Competition Bureau, Peggy Greene, Associate Chief, Media Bureau
- Update from FCC Staff on Revisions to Cable Television Rate Regulations; Implementation of Sections of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992; Rate Regulations (MM Docket Nos. 92-266 and 93-215); Adoption of a Uniform Accounting System for the Provision of Regulated Cable Service (CS Docket No. 94-28); and Cable Pricing Flexibility (CS Docket No. 96-157). Peggy Greene, Associate Chief, Media Bureau
- Telecommunications Service Priority program – presentation from Ken Moran, Director, National Defense and Security, Office of Engineering and Technology.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Status of 800 MHz issues; Nextel proceeding (LSGAC, its Staff, and FCC only). Michael Wilhelm, Legal Advisor, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	FCC complaint tracking issue – follow-up with FCC Staff on LSGAC issues and possible resolution (LSGAC, its Staff and FCC Staff only). Gene Fullano, Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	LSGAC discussion of follow-up to ROW meetings, and possible advisory recommendation in cable modem and DSL proceedings (LSGAC and its Staff only).
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Upcoming meeting schedule/Other issues.
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn.

Attachment III

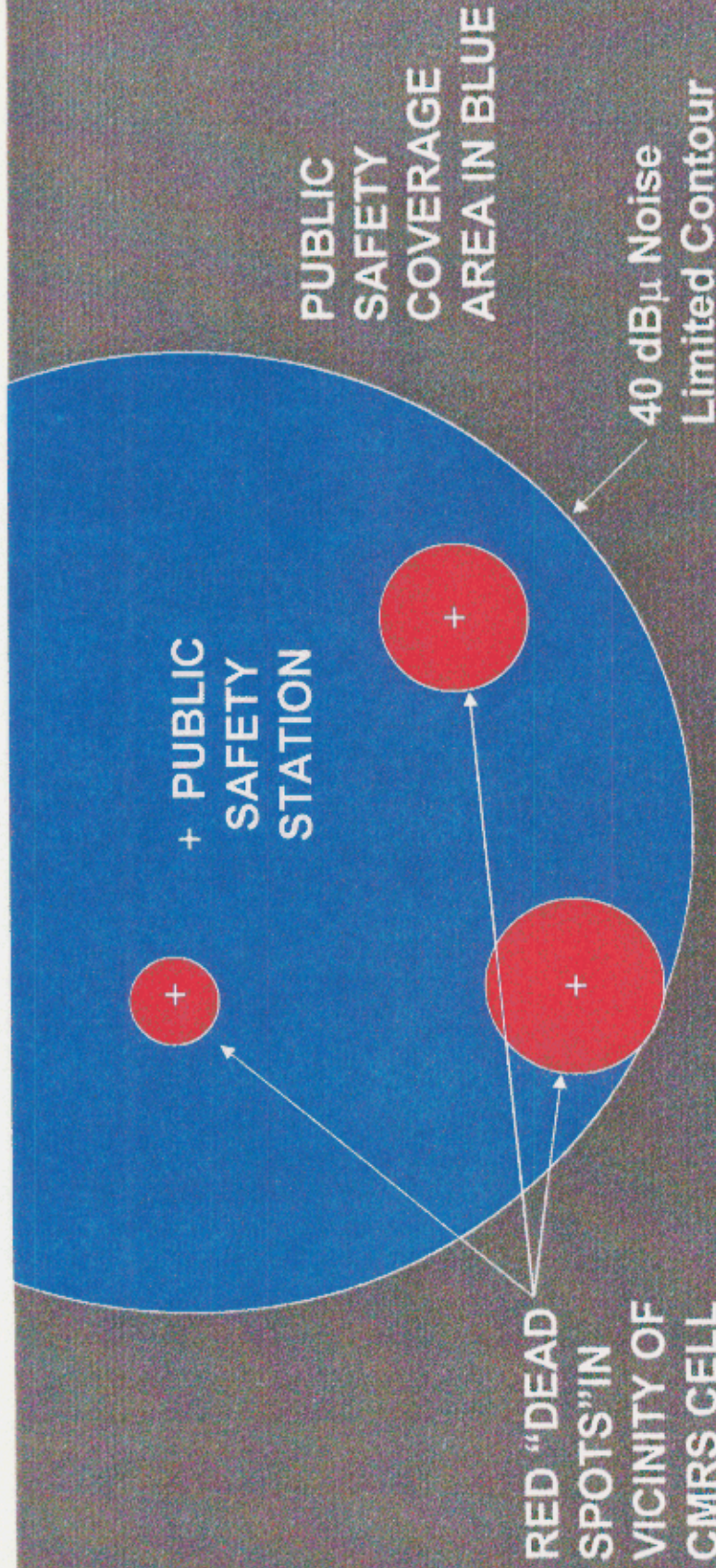
Existing 800 MHz Land Mobile Radio Bandplan



General Category Pool

SMR Category Pool

SMR, Public Safety, Industrial/Land Transportation & Business Channels



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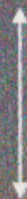
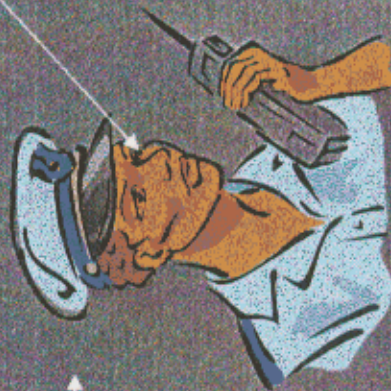
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800 MHz

NEXTEL BAND RECONFIGURATION PROPOSAL



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NAM/MRFAC 800 MHz Bandplan

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